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SUBJECT: DEPORTATION OF FOREIGN NATIONALS IMPLICATED IN TERRORIST
PLOT

REF: STOCKHOLM 1640, AND PREVIOUS

1. GOS DECIDED ON APRIL 16 TO EXPEL FOUR FOREIGN CITIZENS
HELD IN CUSTODY SINCE APRIL 1 BECAUSE OF INVOLVEMENT IN THE
TERRORIST PLOT TO KIDNAP FORMER MINISTER OF IMMIGRATION
ANNA-GRETA LEIJON. THE EXPULSION WAS CARRIED OUT IMMEDIATELY
AFTER THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION. MEXICAN CITIZENS ARMANDO
GONZALES-CARRILLO AND TOMAS OKUSONO MARTINEZ, ALONG WITH
GONZALES' CHILEAN WIFE, MARIA CHRISTINA FUENTES CORREA,
WERE EXPELLED TO CUBA. A SPECIAL SAS CHARTER PLANE FLEW
THEM TO MONTREAL WHERE THEY WERE TO CHANGE TO A REGULARLY
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SCHEDULED FLIGHT TO HAVANA. ALAN HUNTER OF GREAT BRITAIN WAS
FLOWN TO LONDON.

2. ACCORDING TO THE GOVERNMENT'S COMMUNIQUE, THE
EXPULSIONS WERE BASED ON PROVISIONS IN THE ALIENS' LAW
WHICH STATED THAT FOREIGNERS MAY BE EXPELLED FROM SWEDEN
IF REASON EXISTS TO ASSUME THAT THEY BELONG TO OR WORK FOR

AN ORGANIZATION WHICH--WITH REFERENCE TO WHAT IS KNOWN ABOUT ITS ACTIVITY--CAN BE FEARED TO USE VIOLENCE, THREATS OR FORCE OUTSIDE THEIR HOME COUNTRY FOR POLITICAL OBJECTIVES AND THEREBY COMMIT SUCH ACTS IN SWEDEN.

3. IN ADDITION TO THE FOUR NOW DEPORTED, THE GOVERNMENT INDICATED THAT TWO OTHER FOREIGN CITIZENS ARE BEING HELD IN POLICE CUSTODY, A COLOMBIAN AND A GREEK. IMMIGRATION MINISTER OLA ULLSTEN REFUSED TO COMMENT ON THEIR DISPOSITION, EXCEPT TO SAY THAT THE INVESTIGATION IS STILL GOING ON. EIGHT SWEDISH NATIONALS ARE ALSO BEING HELD IN CUSTODY ON SUSPICION OF INVOLVEMENT IN THE TERRORIST PLOT. THE SWEDISH POLICE HAS SCHEDULED A PRESS CONFERENCE FOR APRIL 18 DURING WHICH THEY WILL PRESUMABLY PRESENT SOME OF THE EVIDENCE ON WHICH THE EXPULSION ORDER WAS BASED.

4. IN AN INTERVIEW WITH SWEDISH TV FROM LONDON ON APRIL 17, HUNTER ADMITTED THAT HE KNEW THE DEPORTED GERMAN NORBERT KORCHER BUT INSISTED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW HIM AS A TERRORIST. HE STRONGLY DENIED ANY PART IN THE PLAN TO ABDUCT LEIJON. HE CLAIMED THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN ARRESTED FOR CONTACTS WITH THE WEST GERMANS BUT FOR "CONTACTS WITH OPPOSITION MOVEMENTS IN CHILE, URUGUAY, AND BOLIVA." HUNTER SAID THE SWEDISH POLICE REGARD THESE ORGANIZATIONS AS TERRORISTS GROUPS.

5. THE DEPORTATIONS THUS FAR HAVE BEEN VEHEMENTLY CRITICIZED IN EXPECTED QUARTERS. DEFENSE LAWYERS FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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THE FOUR DEPORTEES CLAIMED THAT THEIR CLIENTS HAD BEEN "SENTENCED" WITHOUT HAVING BEEN ALLOWED A PROPER DEFENSE. THEY CLAIMED THAT THE POLICE HAD CONSTANTLY REFUSED TO PRESENT THEIR EVIDENCE AGAINST THE FOUR, AND THUS IT HAD BEEN IMPOSSIBLE TO WORK CONSTRUCTIVELY FOR THEIR CLIENTS. THE SWEDISH REFUGEE COUNCIL, WHICH IS ALSO UNDER CONTINUING INVESTIGATION BY THE POLICE, DESCRIBED THE GOVERNMENT'S ACTION AS "JUDICIAL MURDER." EDITORIAL REACTION TO THE GOVERNMENT'S MOVE THUS FAR HAS BEEN SOMEWHAT RESERVED. SEVERAL PAPERS, WHILE ADMITTING THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD NOT ACTED ILLEGALLY, NEVERTHELESS QUESTIONED THE VAGUENESS OF THE LANGUAGE OF THE ALIENS' LAW WHICH PERMITS THE EXPULSION OF FOREIGNERS FROM SWEDEN WITHOUT A HEARING, TRIAL OR SENTENCE. SMITH

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